



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our communities and our State; and

WHEREAS, foster parents provide an invaluable service to the children, youth and families of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, foster parents give generously of themselves to provide nurturing, safety, guidance, hope and love; and

WHEREAS, foster parents recognize the opportunity to help a child or youth and their family in ways that will influence them for the remainder of their lives;

WHEREAS, foster families, who open their homes and hearts to children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role helping children and families heal and reconnect, and help launch children into successful adulthood;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the May, 2003, to be

FOSTER PARENT APPRECIATION MONTH

in Idaho, and I call upon all our citizens to recognize the contribution made by foster families throughout the state and to give their full support to this vital program.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this first day of May in the year of our Lord two-thousand and three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Devin Toura in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DEVIN TOURA
SECRETARY OF STATE